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SUBJ: ROKG RENEWS RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR AMERICAN METHODIST
MISSIONARY

REF: A. SEOUL 3800, B. SEOUL 4081

1. ON MAY 25 ROKG EXTENDED RESIDENCE PERMIT OF AMERICAN
METHODIST MISSIONARY REV. GENE MATTHEWS FOR AN ADDITIONAL
THREE MONTHS. SEOUL 3800 REPORTED THAT MATTHEWS HAD PASSED
UNSPECIFIED ANTI-GOVERNMENT MATERIAL TO JAPANESE REPORTERS
IN SEOUL, AND THAT ROKG HAD KEPT RENEWAL OF HIS RESIDENCE
PERMIT PENDING. MATTHEWS WAS QUESTIONED TWICE BY KOREAN
AUTHORITIES
ABOUT INCIDENT. HE TOLD AUTHORITIES THAT HE DID
NOT KNOW WHAT WAS IN ENVELOPE HE DELIVERED ON REQUEST OF
OTHERS AND THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF VIOLATING ROKG LAW.

2. ROKG DID NOT CHARGE MATTHEWS IN CONNECTION WITH CASE AND
RENEWAL OF RESIDENCE PERMIT WAS GRANTED ON EVE OF EXPIRATION
OF MATTHEWS DOCUMENTATION. EMBASSY HAD BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT
WITH KEY KOREAN AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS ABOUT CASE WHILE DECISION WAS PENDING.

3. WHEN PRESENTING MATTHWES WITH NEW PERMIT, ROKG DID ASK
KIM TO RESTATE IN WRITING HIS WILLINGNESS TO ABIDE BY ROKG
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LAW WHILE RESIDING HERE.

4. IN JUNE 1 CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS WITH MOFA AMERICAN
AFFAIRS CHIEF PARK SANG YONG, POLCOUNS COMPLIMENTED DECISION
AS BEING IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST.

5. MATTHEWS HAS EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR AND OTHERS IN EMBASSY

HIS APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY'S EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF.

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